

2/22/00 Run Over

A 41-year old worker was killed, when a car struck him while he was flagging traffic. The victim was part of a road crew that was replacing a sign on the side of a road. The work site was located on a wide curve on a county road. The work to the sign was being performed on the side of the road.

The crew had placed three caution signs (Construction Ahead, Flagger, and One Lane Ahead), indicating roadwork was in progress, in addition to, two trucks with flashing beacons. The crew, including the victim, was wearing high visibility clothing. The victim was standing to the right of the fog line controlling traffic, when a vehicle struck him from behind. The driver of the vehicle had become distracted, and did not see the warning devices and signs. This investigation is ongoing.

Questions to ask?

- Do you regularly train your workers on the hazards of working around traffic?
- Do your workers wear high visibility clothing?
- Do you flag facing traffic?
- Do your Flaggers stand behind the fog line, off of the road?
- Can you remote flag?
- Can your Flaggers stand behind a barrier?